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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, MY

SUBJECT: TERRORIST ATTACK IN KUALA LUMPUR

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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY COUNSELOR DONOWAKI CALLED HABIB TO SAY THAT THE 6 A.M. JAPANESE CABINET MEETING IN TOKYO CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT IS NECESSARY TO IDENTIFY PRECISELY EACH OF THE SEVEN TERRORISTS TO BE RELEASED, AND TO ASCERTAIN THAT EACH WISHES TO ACCEPT RELEASE AND TRANSPORTATION OUT OF JAPAN. YAMAZAKI (DIRECTOR GENERAL U.S. AFFAIRS) TOOK THE PHONE AND STRESSED THAT RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING THE TERRORISTS PRIMARILY RESTS WITH GOM . JAPANESE WOULD, HOWEVER, FURNISH QUOTE INTERPRETER UNQUOTE FOR GOM IN ITS DEALINGS WITH THE TERRORISTS.

2. HABIB REPLIED THAT GOJ DID HAVE EXPERIENCE IN
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DEALING WITH TERRORISTS. THE DECISION OF THE JAPANESE

CABINET MUST BE CLEARLY OUTLINED TO THE TERRORISTS,
AND JAPANESE REPRESENTATIVES WOULD BE IN POSITION TO
DO THIS. WE HAVE JUST HEARD (KUALA LUMPUR 4535) THAT
MALAYSIAN MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS IS ON HIS WAY TO
TALK WITH THE TERRORISTS. HABIB URGED THAT JAPANESE

EMBASSY PEOPLE-INCLUDING AMBASSADOR SUMA PERSONALLY-

TALK DIRECTLY WITH THE TERRORISTS.

3. SWEDISH CHARGE THEN CALLED TO EXPRESS STOCKHOLM'S
GRATITUDE FOR DILLON'S EFFORTS ON THEIR CHARGE'S
BEHALF. HE RELAYED REQUEST FROM STOCKHOLM THAT WE
URGE THE JAPANESE TO TALK WITH THE TERRORISTS. HABIB
ASSURED HIM WE HAD ALREADY DONE THIS. ECKERBERG ALSO
REQUESTED THAT WE TELL JAPANESE THAT SWEDES ASSOCIATED
THEMSELVES WITH OUR REQUEST THAT JAPANESE TALK WITH
THE TERRORISTS AND ATTEMPT TO BUY FURTHER TIME. HABIB
SAID WE WOULD DO SO, NOTING THAT TERRORISTS SEEMED
ENTIRELY SERIOUS AND THAT WE HAD BEEN TOLD THAT
TERRORISTS HAD SAID THEY WOULD SOON PROVIDE NAME
OF FIRST HOSTAGE TO BE EXECUTED. INGERSOLL

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